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FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGE: OECD CIEC SZ

SUBJ: XCSS MEETING MARCH 12: PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF AMBASSADOR
JOLLES

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE ECON/COM COUNSELOR
AMBASSADOR JOLLES GAVE HIS PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON
ISSUES WHICH, HE BELIEVES, SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION ON MARCH 12. HE
ALSO DISCUSSED SWISS REACTION TO THE FIRST SERIES OF CIEC
COMMISSION MEETINGS (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

2. JOLLES HOPES FOR AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN
THE XCSS ON THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE DIALOGUE. HE
SAID THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE ON WHICH ONE COULD SUCCESSFULLY
ARGUE THAT IT IS UNDERSIRABLE TO HAVE A COORDINATED DC
VIEW. THE NEXT ROUND OF MEETINGS WILL BEGIN TO TACKLE
ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES EXCHANGE VIEWS ON BASIC OBJECTIVES AND TRY
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMMON POSITION.

3. HE HOPES THE XCSS WILL GIVE ADDITIONAL IMPETUS
TO DISCUSSIONS IN THE HIGH LEVEL GROUPS. THERE ARE SOME
ISSUES ON WHICH THERE MUST BE AGREEMENT AMONG THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT AMONG
THEM, FOR EXAMPLE, ON RAW MATERIALS, NO SOLUTION WOULD
BE POSSIBLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN THE AREA OF FINANCIAL
AID, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS
NOT ESSENTIAL; SOME ARE IN A POSITION TO BE MORE
FORTHCOMING THAN OTHERS. BUT IN JOLLES' VIEW THE DC'S
SHOULD AGREE ON A LIST OF ISSUES ON WHICH A COORDINATED
POSITION IS ESSENTIAL AND BEGIN NEGOTIATING IN THOSE
AREAS.

4. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHALLENGE TO THE BACKSTOPPING
ROLE OF THE THREE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUPS AND THE IAWA.
HE HOPES THIS CHALLENGE CAN BE MET AND THAT COUNTRIES
OPPOSED TO THAT ROLE CAN BE BROUGHT TO SEE THE DESIRABILITY
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AND INDEED THE NECESSITY OF DC COORDINATION ON THOSE
ISSUES WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT IT. IN THIS
CONNECTION JOLLES SAID THAT HE HAD BRIEFED EC AMBASSADORS
THIS WEEK AND HAD TOLD THEM THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE
VIEW THAT DISCUSSION COULD TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT
HAS BEEN REACHED IN BRUSSELS. THIS MIGHT APPLY IN SOME
CASES BUT NOT TO THE BACKSTOPPING GROUPS OR THE XCSS
WHERE THE EC IS NOT REQUIRED TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE

AND WHERE AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MUST TAKE PLACE
WHILE POSITIONS ARE BEING FORMULATED IN CAPITALS SO
THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THOSE POSITIONS.

5. JOLLES SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING USG VIEWS
ON THE XCSS MEETING AND USG REACTION TO HIS OWN AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.
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